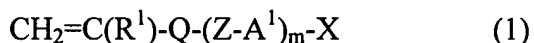


AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions of claims in the application.

1. (Currently Amended) A friction modifier composition for a lubricating oil which comprises an oil-soluble copolymer (A) and a diluent,

said oil-soluble copolymer (A) containing at least one unit of a monomer (a) represented by the general formula (1) and at least one unit of a monomer (b) represented by the general formula (2), and having a weight average molecular weight of 3,000 or more:



in the formula, X is a polar group represented by the formula -PH_2 , -NH_2 or $\text{-(O)}_a\text{-P(=O)}_b\text{(OR}^2\text{)}_2$; either of a or b is 1, and the other is 0 or 1; two R^2 's are the same or different and each represents H, an alkyl group having 1 to 24 carbon atoms, a group represented by the formula $\text{-(A}^1\text{-Z)}_m\text{-Q-C(R}^1\text{)=CH}_2$ or a cation of $\text{M}_{1/f}$, M is a f valent cation; f is 1 or 2; R^1 represents H or a methyl group; Z represents -O- ; A^1 represents an alkylene group having 2 to 18 carbon atoms; m represents an integer of 1 or 2 to 50; Q represents -CO- ; R^3 represents H or a methyl group; n represents an integer of 0 or 1 to 30; A^2 represents an alkylene group having 2 to 18 carbon atoms; R^4 represents an aliphatic hydrocarbon group having 1 to 32 carbon atoms, an alicyclic hydrocarbon group having 5 to 7 carbon atoms, or an aralkyl group having 7 to 32 carbon atoms; when there are a plurality of A^1 , R^1 , m and A^2 , they may be the same or different, and

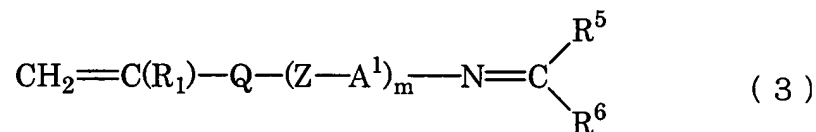
said diluent being at least one selected from the group consisting of high flash point solvents having flash point of 130°C or more, ~~aliphatic hydrocarbon, aromatic hydrocarbon,~~ aliphatic hydrocarbons, alcohol solvents, ~~ketone solvents~~, amide solvents, and sulfoxide solvents.

2. (Canceled)

3. (Previously presented) The friction modifier composition according to Claim 1, wherein X is represented by the formula - (O)_a-P(=O)_b(OR²)₂.

4. (Previously presented) The friction modifier composition according to Claim 1, wherein X is -NH₂.

5. (Previously presented) The friction modifier composition according to Claim 4, wherein the copolymer (A) is obtainable by hydrolyzing a copolymer (A0) containing a unit induced from a monomer (a01) represented by the general formula (3):



in the formula, R¹, Q, Z, A¹, and m are the same as those in the general formula (1); R⁵ and R⁶ are the same or different and each represents H or an alkyl group having 1 to 8 carbon atoms, or R⁵ and R⁶ are coupled together to be an alkylene group having 3 to 11 carbon atoms, and thereby form a ring together with an adjacent carbon atom.

6. (Previously Presented) The friction modifier composition according to Claim 5, wherein the copolymer (A) is obtainable by hydrolyzing the copolymer (A0) in the absence of an acid.

7. (Previously Presented) The friction modifier composition according to Claim 1, wherein the copolymer (A) contains 0.01 to 50% by weight of the unit induced from the monomer (a).

8. (Previously Presented) The friction modifier composition according to Claim 1, wherein

said monomer (b) comprises 2 to 50 % by weight of a monomer (b1) and 50 to 98 % by weight of a monomer (b2),

said monomer (b1) being represented by the general formula (2), in the formula, n is 0 or 1, R⁴ is an alkyl group having 1 to 7 carbon atoms, an alkenyl group having 2 to 7 carbon atoms, a cycloalkyl group having 5 to 7 carbon atoms, or an aralkyl group having 7 to 8 carbon atoms, and

said monomer (b2) being represented by the general formula (2), in the formula, n is 0 or 1, R⁴ is an alkyl group or an alkenyl group having 8 to 32 carbon atoms, or an aralkyl group having 9 to 32 carbon atoms.

9. (Previously Presented) The friction modifier composition according to Claim 8, wherein n is 0.

10. (Previously Presented) The friction modifier composition according to Claim 1, wherein (A) has a weight average molecular weight of 3,000 to 500,000.

11. (Previously Presented) The friction modifier composition according to Claim 1, which further comprises at least one selected from the group consisting of a copolymer (B), detergent, dispersants, antioxidants, conventionally known friction modifiers, antiwear agents, extreme pressure agents, antifoaming agents, anti-emulsification agents, and corrosion inhibitors, said copolymer (B) containing the unit of the monomer (b), and optionally the unit of other monomer (c), and not containing the unit of the monomer (a).

12. (Previously Presented) The friction modifier composition according to Claim 1 which comprises

20 to 90% by weight of (A) and

10 to 80% by weight of the diluent.

13. (Previously Presented) A lubricating oil composition which comprises base oil, and the friction modifier composition according to Claim 1, and 0.01 to 40% by weight of the copolymer (A) on the basis of the weight of the base oil.

14. (Previously Presented) The lubricating oil composition according to Claim 13, wherein the base oil is at least one species selected from the group consisting of a mineral oil having high viscosity index of 100 to 160, a hydrocarbon synthetic lubricating oil, and an ester synthetic lubricating oil.